

GERMAN MINERS GO ON A STRIKE

Emperor's Efforts to Avoid a Walk-Out Are of No Avail.

Essen, Germany, Jan. 16.—Delegates representing a large part of the disaffected miners decided, at a meeting here this afternoon, on a strike, regardless of the partial concessions offered by the mine owners.

The miners' leaders, among whom the report was circulated that the Emperor and the Government were anxious to settle the strike, were not deceived thereby. They aver that the strike can only be settled by justice. The Socialists control the miners' action.

The number of men ordered out is nearly 12,000.

MINERS' DEMANDS.

Bremen, Germany, Jan. 16.—The Association of Mine owners, notwithstanding the efforts of an important minority, rejected the demands of the strikers this afternoon.

CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION INJURES SIX PERSONS.

Two Painters Seriously Hurt. One of Whom May Die in Fire Which Damaged County Court.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Fire broke out today on the top floor of the county building here. For awhile the destruction of the entire building seemed threatened. The flames, however, were confined to a portion of two upper floors and the roof. Courtrooms were chiefly affected in the damage. Records, however, were safe in vaults. Smoke drove spectators off the square, and a fire truck from the City Hall adjoining for a short time.

The palisades at work in the court buildings were set afire, but the explosion of their material when the fire started, and one probably will die. Four other persons were injured.

CHEAPER GAS FOR NEW YORK.

Republicans Have Scheme to Catch Votes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Jan. 16.—New York city is soon to have 25-cent gas for private consumers if present legislation passes.

After the first hour there was no outside trade to speak of, or no investment buying, and trade consequently was very slow. The market was quiet, but there, between the brokers, commission houses were buying moderately on resting orders. Sample sales continued in good demand, and at noon almost all samples were disposed of at unchanged prices to the higher.

Provisions ruled, but flat. The market was quiet, but steady. Receipts of hogs were considerably lower than expected and prices, too, were lower. The market, too, was quiet, but support on the market was in full force, when the existing price, 14c, per lb., when will rise it from 13c to 14c, or 15c, cents per lb., to every household of the city.

COMMITTEE HAS POWER TO SETTLE TROUBLE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 16.—It came out to-day through many trainmen reporting in Pittsburgh that employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad had voted by a large majority to give the Grievance Committee full power in settling the differences with the officials.

A statement to this effect was made this morning by a conductor on the Pittsburgh division. He added, however, that many of the trainmen voted under a mistaken impression.

They understood that they were voting only to show their confidence in their committee, and were informed when they learned that they had given the committee full power to authorize a strike.

The sentiment of the local division, the striking division, Buffalo and Allegheny, was and is, to vote no-confidence against the committee. The trainmen are willing to make a compact which will benefit the railroad, and the committee has made clear that such a compact would be declared there will be peaceful opposition to it here. Even those who voted have agreed to be in favor of strike, with nothing but 50 out, at least thirty of them say so.

LECTURES ON DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Chicago Banker Tells of Life and Works of Irish Patriot.

The first of a series of lectures to be given in Sulphur Hall No. 1 Northern Avenue was delivered, last night, by William J. Conahan of Chicago. Mr. Conahan's lecture was on "The Life and Work of Daniel O'Connell," and his talk was well received by the audience.

Mr. Conahan is a Chicago banker, who because of his prominence in American affairs, and his many friends in Ireland, was invited to speak on the subject.

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